

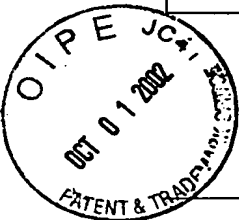
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed May 14, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a two-month extension of the term for response to this Official Action, to and including, October 14, 2002, is transmitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A broadcast-program selection history information acquisition apparatus for acquiring selection history information of broadcast programs selected out of broadcast programs of a plurality of channels, comprising:

storage means for storing selection information of said selected broadcast programs at predetermined acquisition times; and

transmission means for transmitting said selection history information which is composed of a plurality of pieces of said

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